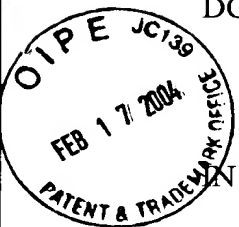


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FOR: TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR  
CONTROLLING PHENYLPROPANOID  
BIOSYNTHESIS PATHWAY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 1, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II: Claims 3, 11-12 and 14, drawn to a recombinant vector comprising in antisense orientation a DNA encoding a transcription factor controlling a phenylpropanoid biosynthesis pathway and cells and plants transformed therewith.

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